

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Modern healthcare enterprises often support complex computer networks for the many functions of the enterprise, and the networks are often running multiple incompatible application programs. Described here is a clinical server exchange device for such a complex network. The clinical exchange server maintains a master table of applications on the network and the patient identification used by each of the applications for each patient. The clinical exchange server can then serve as a sort of interpreter to allow each application to communicate through the clinical exchange server to obtain information from another application about the patient. To facilitate that exchange, each application sends to the clinical exchange server an abstract of any events involving the patient. The clinical exchange server system also envisions a protocol for information exchange, preferably through the clinical exchange server.

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